

## **Saint Paul's Journey**

### *Meeting with parents – 24 January 2019*

This was the first regular meeting with parents of the school year; Miss Donna M was also present.

### ***Academisation***

The process of converting to an Academy was going well and would take place on 1 February.

As from 1 February the school will no longer be run by LB Southwark but will become an independent school supported by its sponsor, the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance Multi-Academy Trust (the SDBE MAT).

The Chief Operating Officer of the Trust, Mark Burnett, had come to the school on 9 January to meet parents, explain what this involved and answer questions and this had been a very useful and informative meeting.

Conversion required a considerable amount of administrative, legal and financial work, for instance staff would in future be employed by the MAT rather than by the School's Governing Body, and all this was going well.

Children would not see any difference in the school – curriculum, uniform, class structure, school meals, activities, would all remain the same.

### ***International Food Day***

In order to celebrate the cultural diversity within the school, we plan to organise an International Food Day one day before Easter when parents and families can prepare food from their tradition, bring it in and share with the rest of the school community. It will be good if traditional costumes can be worn for the event.

### ***After School Clubs - Cooking***

Clubs were very popular and were sometimes oversubscribed. It was important that all children who wanted to attend a club had an equal chance of doing so though it was probably inevitable that some would be disappointed.

### ***Fair treatment and possible Bullying***

A couple of individual cases were brought up. Miss Donna took details which she would follow up.

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